

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4-5 with the following amended paragraph:**

The hyaluronic acid compound of the present invention is represented by the above formula (I). In the above formula (I), R is a phosphatidyl ethanolamino group represented by the formula (I)-a, -OH or -ONa. 1 to 100 % of R must be a phosphatidyl ethanolamino group. When the phosphatidyl ethanolamino group accounts for less than 1 % of R, the object of the present invention is not attained. ~~R is~~ R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl group or alkenyl group having 10 to 28 carbon atoms, preferably 14 to 20 carbon atoms, and n is an integer of 50 to 50,000, preferably 300 to 30,000, more preferably 1,000 to 10,000.